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ROUND 5

THE WORLD-CONSUMING PHOENIX FORCE IS HEADING FOR EARTH. AS THE AVENGERS ACTED TO SAFELY CONTAIN HOPE SUMMERS, ITS CHOSEN HOST, THE X-MEN STOOD AGAINST THEM. HOPE FLED FROM BOTH TEAMS, SPARKING A MANHUNT AND X-MEN/AVENGERS CLASHES AROUND THE WORLD. HOPE ENLISTED WOLVERINE WITH A PROMISE THAT HE WOULD KILL HER IF SHE COULD NOT CONTROL THE PHOENIX FORCE'S POWER.

THE TWO TRAVELLED TO THE BLUE AREA OF THE MOON, A STRANGE ENVIRONMENT WITH AN OXYGEN ATMOSPHERE AND ALIEN RUINS, WHERE WOLVERINE BETRAYED HOPE AND SUMMONED THE AVENGERS. EVEN AS THE X-MEN TELEPORTED SHORTLY BEHIND TO RENEW THE BATTLE, ALL EYES TURNED TO WITNESS THOR'S FALL FROM THE HEAVENS AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE PHOENIX FORCE ITSELF.

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AVENGERS

CAPTAIN AMERICA

RED HULK

THE THING

HAWKEYE

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LEI KUNG

BLACK WIDOW

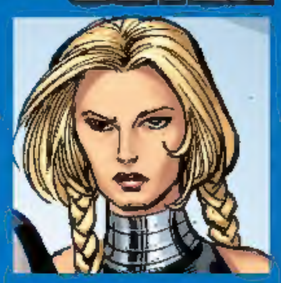
IRON MAN

GIANT-MAN

OUTER SPACE AWAY MISSION

THOR

WAR MACHINE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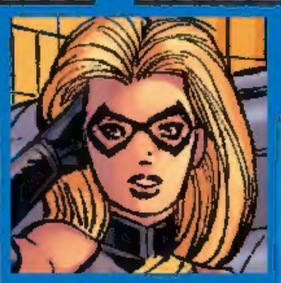
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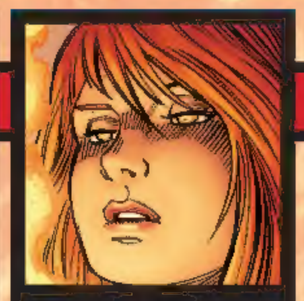
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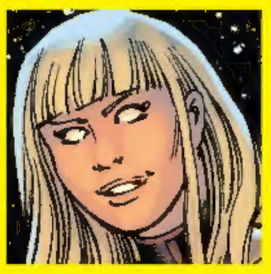
EMMA FROST

COLOSSUS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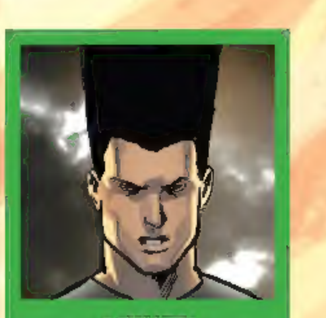

LEGION

X-MEN

THOMAS *FEREBEE.*

COLONEL THOMAS FEREBEE.

COLONEL THOMAS FEREBEE WAS THE NAME OF THE MAN ON THE PLANE WHO PUSHED THE BUTTON THAT DROPPED THE ATOMIC ***BOMB*** ON ***HUMAN BEINGS*** FOR THE FIRST TIME.

A HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE--MAYBE ***MORE***--DIED IN A WHITE-HOT FLASH OF FIRE OR IN THE ***SILENCE*** THAT CAME AFTER.

BUT NO ONE EVER SAYS, *"COLONEL THOMAS FEREBEE KILLED A HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE."*

THEY BLAME THE ***BOMB.*** NOT THE BOMBARDIER WHO DROPPED IT.

AND YET WITHOUT ONE...YOU DON'T GET THE OTHER.

SO...SO AM I THE BOMB?

OR AM I THE BOMBARDIER?

AND IF YOU COULD ASK *ANY* OF THE DEAD...

...WOULD IT MATTER TO THEM ANYMORE?

MY NAME IS *HOPE SUMMERS*...

...AND THIS IS *ALL MY FAULT.*

PLEASE STOP...

I SAID--

STOP!

LOGAN.

LOGAN, I WAS *WRONG.*

I THOUGHT I COULD BUT I CAN'T I CAN'T IT'S *TOO MUCH,* LOGAN, IT'S *TOO MUCH--*

GGRAAO OOWWWHH HHUUU--

--YOU HAVE TO KILL ME.

YOU THINK YOU CAN *DO* THAT FOR ME, LOGAN?

YOU *PROMISED...*

KID...

SNIKT

SNIKT

--I'LL TRY.

NO!

LOOKS LIKE ALL *HELL* IS BREAKING LOOSE OUT THERE.

THEN LET'S HURRY IT UP *IN HERE*, PYM.

THE CLOSER THAT *BIRD* GETS, THE MORE HELLISH THINGS'RE GOING TO GET.

DIAGNOSTIC ROUTINES DONE, *HANK?*

YOU'RE *READY*, TONY.

OR AT LEAST AS READY AS ANYONE CAN BE TO PILOT A... WHATEVER THIS IS...

...WITHOUT TESTING IT FIRST.

TESTING IS FOR SUCKERS. WE'RE MEN OF *SCIENCE*, PYM.

TIME TO ACT LIKE IT. WE'RE *PIONEERS*. WE'RE *PILOTS*.

...RIGHT?

SO WERE THE *KAMIKAZE*, STARK...

AT SOME POINT THEY STOP TREATING ME LIKE A *BALL* THEY'RE ALL TRYING TO CARRY DOWNFIELD...

KILL YOU, SUMMERS--

--YOU CAN TRY--

...AND JUST START TRYING TO *KILL EACH OTHER.*

Я убью тебя

--LITTLE PUNK MAGGOT--

TOO MANY YEARS OF *PAIN* AND *FEAR* AND *SUFFERING.*

PLEASE, DARLING, I'M MADE OF *DIAMOND--* DO YOU THINK A LITTLE *FIRE* COULD--

LADY, SHUT THE HELL *UP.*

TOO MUCH *DEATH.*

WATCH WHERE YOU *POINT* THAT THING!

THERE WAS A PLAN, BUT NOW THERE'S CHAOS. I *FAILED.* AND NOW, WHERE THERE WAS HOPE, THERE'S JUST HATE.

IM--PER--*IUS--*

--CLOSE YOUR SMART MOUTH FOR *GOOD--*

GONE *TOO FAR,* SLIM--

RRAAHH!

SUMMERS, *STOP* THIS MADNESS!

IT'S ALL TOO LATE NOW ANYHOW.

A PURIFYING FIRE FROM ACROSS THE *STARS* HAS COME...

AND NOW IT'S TOO LATE FOR US ALL.

COME ON, *STARK*...

LUNAR ORBIT:

IBIZA, SPAIN:

AAAA--!

FATHER-- MAKE IT STOP--

THE MYSTICAL CITY K'UN LUN:

AND SO. IT BEGINS AGAIN...

ELSEWHERE:

NO... NO...

IGNITION.

HERE GOES NOTHIN'.

HERE GOES NOTHIN'.

CYCLOPS--

--SCOTT--

--WE DON'T HAVE MUCH *TIME.* YOU HAVE TO *STOP THIS.*

STEP AWAY FROM *THE GIRL,* SCOTT. WE HAVE TO GET HER *OUT* OF HERE.

TIME TO BE A LEADER, SON. DON'T FALL SWAY TO ALL THIS *MADNESS.*

MADNESS? I'M TRYING TO SAVE MY *RACE.* YOU'RE TRYING TO *SNUFF US ALL OUT.*

NONE OF YOU UNDERSTANDS THIS THING LIKE I DO. NONE OF YOU *KNOWS THIS GIRL* LIKE ME.

THIS WAS ALL *MEANT TO HAPPEN.*

HOPE AND THE *PHOENIX* ARE MEANT TO BE TOGETHER...

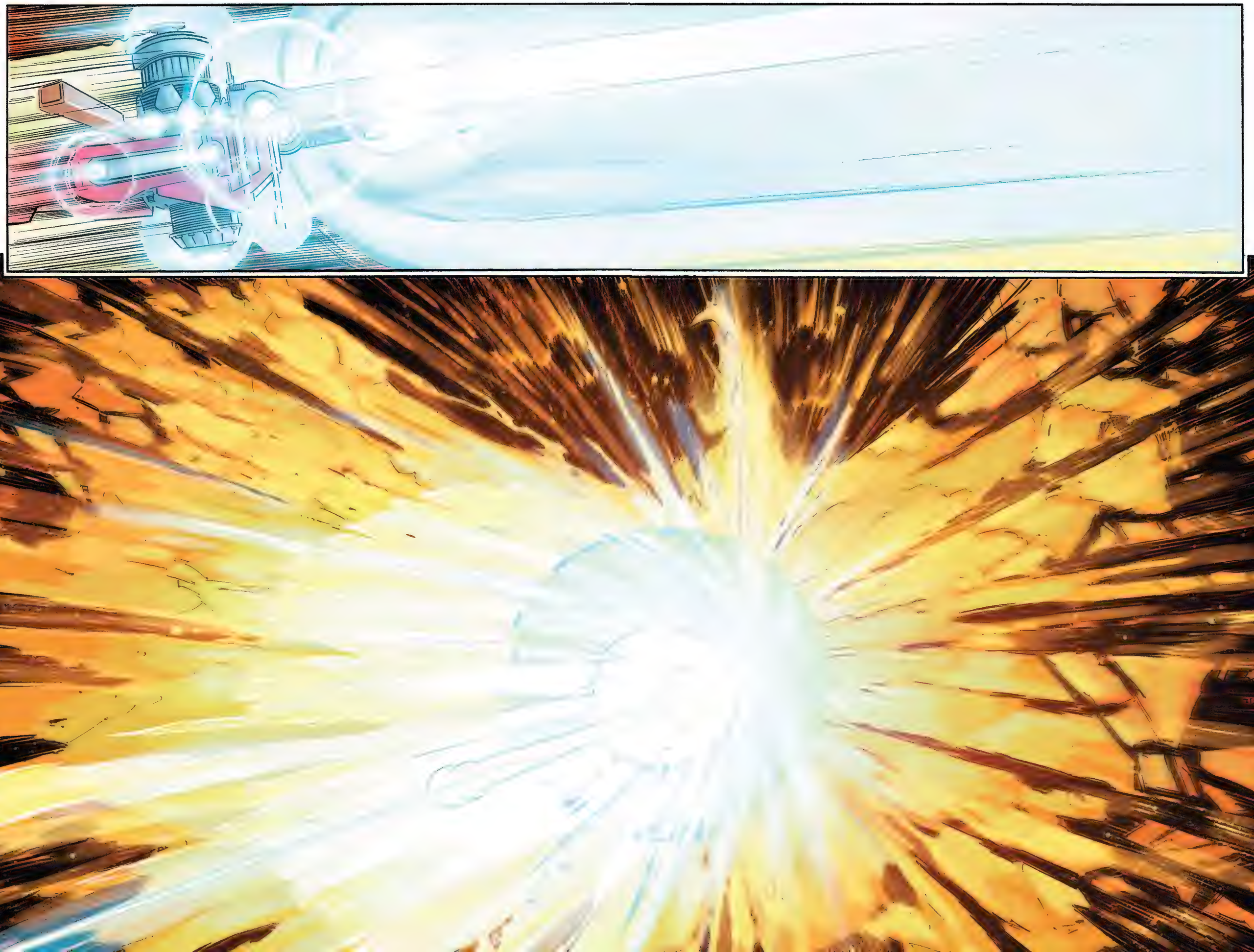
"...AND YOU CAN'T STOP IT!"

OH, MAN.

THIS BETTER WORK.

THE PHOENIX IS IN RANGE.

FIRING DISRUPTOR--



I SPENT MY LIFE WAITING FOR THIS EXACT, SINGULAR MOMENT.

RUNNING FROM IT... RUNNING *TOWARDS* IT...FEARING IT.. *WAITING* FOR IT.

EVERY SECOND. EVERY HOUR. EVERY DAY. THE THING WAS-- WHEN IT FINALLY ARRIVED--

--I JUST DIDN'T *WANT* IT.

AND AS IT TURNED OUT...

...IT DIDN'T WANT *ME,* EITHER.

AHHH.

AVENGERS. SIT REP. ARE WE ALIVE?

WHO'S ALIVE?

WOLVERINE.

WOLVERINE? ARE WE--ARE YOU--

THE GIRL, CAP.

CAN'T SEE. WHERE'S THE GIRL?

CAP...?

THIS IS STARK.

DID...DID I KILL THE PHOENIX?

BECAUSE IT LOOKED AMAZING AND--

TONY.

ONE SEC.

THE GIFT OF THE PHOENIX WAS MEANT FOR HER, NOT US.

YOU PEOPLE... DID SOMETHING... TO IT. AND NOW SHE...

...NOW WE ARE PHOENIX.

SHE NEEDS OUR HELP. WE WILL TAKE HER HOME. TO HEAL HER. TO READY HER.

WE SHALL DO ITS WORK WHILE SHE IS PREPARED FOR WHAT COMES NEXT.

THIS WORLD CAN STILL BE SAVED. BE HEALED.

WE HAVE MUCH WORK AHEAD OF US.

TIME TO EVOLVE TOMORROW ITSELF. BEYOND EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER IMAGINED.

YOU'RE TALKING LIKE *LUNATICS.*

AND THE YOUNG LADY MADE HER DECISION KNOWN. SHE STAYS WITH *US.*

PYROTECHNICS AND SCARY VOICES DON'T CHANGE THAT.

HAH. "CAPTAIN AMERICA."

WE ARE MORE THAN YOU NOW. MORE THAN HUMAN...MORE THAN MUTANT.

OUR TASK IS MORE THAN YOU CAN EVEN CONCEIVE.

AS YOU CANNOT STOP TOMORROW, YOU CANNOT STOP US.

DO NOT EVEN TRY.

IT ALMOST SEEMS *FUNNY* THAT I USED TO WONDER IF I WAS DESTINED TO BE THE BOMB OR THE BOMBARDIER IN THIS WAR.

ALL THIS TIME I WAS JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE.

MY NAME IS *HOPE SUMMERS* AND I WAS JUST LIKE *YOU.*

I WAS JUST ANOTHER *VICTIM* OF WHAT THE *PHOENIX* HAD IN STORE...

TO BE CONTINUED...!

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